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In re Application of:

SCOTT A. BURTON

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The deadline for filing a response to the Office Action mailed November 19, 2002 originally required a reply by February 19, 2003. However, we filed a reply on March 26, 2003 with a two month Petition for Extension of Time until April 19, 2003.

Applicant desires additional time to respond to the Office Action, and therefore requests that the deadline for reply to the Office Action be extended one month from April 19, 2003 until May 19, 2003 under the provisions of Rule 136(a). Authorization is hereby provided to charge any fee required in connection with this paper, including the \$110.00 fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1) for consideration of this extension to Account No. 13-3723.

Respectfully submitted,

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